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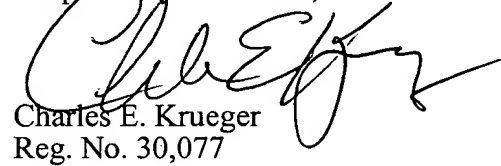
Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 (copy enclosed) is being called to the attention of the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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